Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* This provisions is resorted to in public interests in order to bring the owners of motor buses also into the ambit of the penal provision; in the sense that the owner gets the profit by allowing the driver and the conductor, who may be changed day after day to Commit offences.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of that answer will not enhanced punishments or a more severe punishment than the one that is being inflicted now serve the purpose?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Because it is a sort of implied abetment, though there may not be a specific abetment on the part of the owner that he has asked his driver or conductor to commit offences, that section 57 (1) is there and its scope is very limited.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The law member seems to cloud the issue. All these things are true. You can enchance the punishment, you can even whip him. But why should the vehicle be stopped.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The existing law must be changed. It is only about the administration of the existing law that the reply was given.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* If it is really inconvenient to the people, then the law must be changed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* This is an all India Legislation. Of course if there is any such representation we have to consider it but I do not hold out any hope.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* But it is left to the discretion of the Commissioner to suspend the bus or not.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Each case will be considered on its own merits and the Commissioner of Police has already said that only on the interests of public safety that buses are stopped.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In these days of transport difficulties will the Government be pleased to take a lenient view and minimise inconvenience as far as possible.

Mr. Presidnet : It is a suggestion which will be considered.

BUS SERVICE BETWEEN TRICHUR AND SHORANUR—FAILURE TO RUN FOR SOME DAYS

98. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether "S. M. S." service buses plying between Trichur and Shoranur were not running consequently for a number of days at the end of Medam and the beginning of Edavam 1119;

(*b*) if they were not running what was the reason for the same;

(*c*) when was the running of these buses stopped and when resumed ?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The permit-holder could not get suitable drivers and conductors for the buses and one bus was out of order.

(*c*) C.S. 2182 stopped on 30th Medam 1119 and resumed on 15th Edavam 1119.
C.S. 1878 stopped on 31st Medam 1119 and resumed on 15th Mithunam 1119.
C.S. 2262 stopped on 26th Medam 1119 and resumed on 16th Edavam 1119.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know which of these three buses was out of order.

Khan Sahib Muhammd Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With reference to answer (*b*) is the Government in a position to inform the House what the reason mentioned by the owner is for not getting drivers and conductrs?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The permanent drivers and conductors were unwell and therefore he could not get suitable hands to run the buses.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the Government aware that the permanent drivers and conductors became unwell as a result of severe thrashing in the Police Station?

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Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has any such complaint reached the ears of the Commissioner of Police.

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: No.

BUS SERVICE IN CERTAIN LINES—SCRAMBLE AND DISORDER CREATED IN BUS-STAND

99. Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that attempts made by passengers to rush and scramble into incoming buses from lines with heavy traffic like those of Trichur-Triprayar and Trichur-Kandassankadavu, are a familiar sight in the Trichur bus stand;

(*b*) that in the rush and scramble referred to above, passengers, especially women and children often find it difficult and sometimes impossible to board the buses;

(*c*) that in places ontside our State such scramble and disorder are avoided by traffic authorities by insisting on the bus owners concerned to issue tickets before-hand to waiting passengers according to priority of application, at important bus-stands and junctions;

(*d*) whether Government have received requests from the public to increase the number of buses or trips in lines having heavy bus traffic?

Khan Sahib Muhammed Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: (*a*) It is not a familiar sight. At times there is rush of passengers.

(*b*) It may be so sometimes.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) Yes, in some cases.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: May I know how the request mentioned in sub-division (d) were disposed of.

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: They are being considered.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Women's Ernakulam)*: With regard to the difficulty mentioned in sub-division (b) will the Govenment be pleased to introduce the Queue system as they have introduced in the ferry jetty, in the bus stand also.

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Queue system is not possible at the bus stands but preference will be given to the early comers and the late comers will have to wait.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Women's Ernakulam)*: In Madras and other places they enter into the trams on the Queue system and there there is no difficulty.

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: The circumstances here are different.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: With reference to (c) will the Government call for some information in that line.

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: We have already called for information.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Are there not early bookings and reservation of seats.

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: There is no system of reservation of seats.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is the commissioner aware that in the Transport buses in Travancore the system of reservation of seats is allowed?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: I have no information.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: That is only for the express.

POLICE ORDERLIES SANCTIONED TO THE MAGISTRATES—REPLACING OF

100. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether the Police "Orderlies" sanctioned to Magistrates and the District Magistrate have been withdrawn and if so the reasons, if any, that persuaded the Government to withdraw them?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Police orderlies of the Magistrates have been replaced by personal peons as the Government think that it is not necessary for them to have Police orderlies. The Police orderly of the District Magistrate has not been withdrawn.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulankunnathukavu)*: May I know whether the Government have any reason for ordering the replacement of Police orderlies by peons?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: There was demand for Police constables in the Police Stations. Increased demand on

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